

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD
221 East 7th Avenue
Homestead, PA 15120**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2019
6:45 P.M.**

President Cunningham called the April 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Homestead Borough Council to order at 6:45p.m. President Cunningham asked Mayor Esper to lead the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those in the community that recently passed away.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL

President Cunningham, Rev. Louise Benton, Mr. Drew Borcik, Ms. Wanda Burwell, Ms. Lynette Mariner, Ms. Mary Nesby, Mrs. Kim Fowler, Mayor Esper, Police Chief DeSimone, Engineer Gilliland, Solicitor Heminger, Building Inspector Hankins and Manager Zang. Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Eads was absent.

BID OPENING

One bid was received for the sale of block and lot number 130-K-138, also known as 611 Ann Street in the amount of \$5,000 from Lion Apartment Holdings Limited. The bid met the minimum requirements set forth in the advertisement.

A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Nesby to accept the bid from Lion Apartment Holdings Limited in the amount of \$5,000 for block and lot number 130-K-138. All in favor, motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Caleb Allen addressed his concern over a conflict with his neighbor regarding bird feeders. Ms. Jazzmin Bonner addressed Council regarding her interest in opening a Christian School in the borough.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

President of Council presented current events happening in borough.

Borough Solicitor stated for the record an executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Borough Engineer read written report that was submitted

Mayor Esper discussed upcoming events in borough and around the city.

Chief of Police read written report that was submitted

Code Enforcement read written report that was submitted

Manager read highlights from written report that was submitted.

MOTIONS

M-1 A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the Minutes of the March 2019 meetings. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

M-2 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Fowler to pay the bills as per the bill lists dated April 5, 2019 in the amount of \$475,016.47. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

M-3 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to pay the Victor Paving invoice in the amount of \$110,287.00 for the 2018 Bituminous Paving (West 13th). Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

M-4 A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to accept the Ernst Grievance Settlement and issue payment in accordance with the current CBA. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. Mr. Borcik voted no. Motion carried, 6-1.

M-5 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Nesby to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-3 an ordinance of the Borough of Homestead, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending Chapter 182 of the Code of the Borough of Homestead to set forth regulations, restrictions and permitting requirements for parades and public gatherings. All in favor, motion carried.

M-6 A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Burwell to appoint Bessie Phillips to the position of Deputy Tax Collector. All in favor, motion carried.

M-7 A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to advertise the civil service examination date of May 14, 2019 for the position of patrol officer with the test being administered by the Turtle Creek Valley COG. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. All in favor, motion carried.

M-8 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to tentatively accept the proposal of Jordan Tax Service, Inc. to perform the current sewage billing and collection services for the Borough of Homestead contingent on approval by Borough Council of a final written collection service agreement to be negotiated between the parties. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Borcik and President Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Nesby, Ms. Burwell and Rev. Benton voted no. Mrs. Fowler abstained from the vote since she was absent from the meeting when this was discussed. Mayor Esper voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

M-9 A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Nesby to hire Bryant Kirkland for the open Public Works Laborer position effective April 15, 2019 per conditions of CBA. Upon

roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell abstained from the vote, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alice Paylor-Dais inquired about a possible dog park in one of the empty lots in the borough and a spray park at one of the playgrounds.

Council adjourned at 8:01p.m.